(*d*) whether the Government have taken any steps during the last 5 years to provide more marketing facilities for the agricultural produce of Cochin?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) One.

(*b*) Inspection of grading of groundnut oil and Vanaspati done at the Tata Oil Mills Co. Ltd., Ernakulam.

(*c*) There was no new post created. The Agricultural Inspector, Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk, was asked to do this work in addition to his duties as Agricultural Inspector. The Agricultural Inspector's grade of pay is Rs. 80—100.

(*d*) Yes. Marketing surveys on a number of commodities were conducted during the years 1110 to 1112. In commodities like bananas, pine apples and eggs in which there are exportable surpluses, certain concessions in railway freight to the big consuming centres outside the State were secured which resulted in a considerable expansion in exports.

TALAPPALLI AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SOCIETY— PARTICULARS REGARDING

53. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli)*: Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) when was the Talappalli Agricultural Marketing Society started;

(*b*) does this institution exist at present;

(*c*) the amounts given by Government to this institution from time to time as grant, donation, loan, pay of officers, etc.;

(*d*) whether any amount is due from this institution at present?

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*:

(*a*) 5th Chingam 1112.

(*b*) No. It is under liquidation.

(*c*) 1. Grant Nil.
2. Donation Nil.
3. Loan of Rs. 5,000 and subsidy of Rs. 500.
4. Pay of the Secretary on Rs. 15—20 (Rs. 756-8-0.)

(*d*) Yes. (Rs. 931-8-0).

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